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The official newspaper of Acadia National Park

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The Acadia Experience

Protecting over 47,000 acres along the rugged Maine coast, Acadia National Park is one of the gems of the National Park System. Thanks to the foresight and dedication of the early conservationists who set aside this refuge of mountains, forests, lakes, and coastline, Acadia offers something to please all tastes. Whether you prefer a quiet moment to relax and take in an ocean view, or a strenuous hike through rich woodlands to a rocky summit, you can find it here.

To get to know the park, join a park ranger for a guided hike, seaside investigation, or amphitheater program. Experience the thrill of watching once-endangered peregrine falcons feeding their young in cliffs high overhead or explore the rich history of the park. For program descriptions and a schedule, see pages 4–5.

If you prefer to explore on your own, start at Hulls Cove Visitor Center. Here you can buy your entrance pass, watch a short orientation movie, and plan your visit using a three-dimensional map of Mount Desert Island. The bookstore carries guidebooks, children's stories, maps, and more, and park rangers are available to answer your questions.

From the visitor center, starting June 23, you can hop on fare-free Island Explorer buses. Propane-powered buses link popular park destinations to neighboring villages on the island. Schedules are available at the visitor center and the Village Green in Bar Harbor.

A trip along the Park Loop Road, with its spectacular scenery and interesting stops, is a must for Acadia visitors. Be aware that the road can be congested; please drive safely. Sieur de Monts Spring serves as a memorial to George B. Dorr, the driving force behind the establishment of the park and Acadia's first superintendent. (See page 6 for more information about George B. Dorr.) Learn about natural and cultural history here, at the Nature Center and the Abbe Museum. Travel along stunning Ocean Drive, where you can walk Sand Beach or listen for the sometimes-booming waters of Thunder Hole. Stop at Wildwood Stables for a horse-drawn carriage ride, then continue to the Jordan Pond area, which features hiking trails and the Jordan Pond House, where you can stop for refreshments. At the northern end of the Park Loop Road, Cadillac Mountain Road takes you to the highest point on the eastern seaboard of North America. Early risers can enjoy a spectacular sunrise over the islanddotted ocean while the rest of us sleep in, knowing that sunset is equally impressive.

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Bridge on the Jordan Pond Shore Trail.

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The Nature Center at Sieur de Monts.

For active visitors, the historic carriage road and hiking trail systems beckon. Built by John D. Rockefeller Jr. in the early 20th century, the carriage roads continue to offer the same automobile-free experience envisioned at their inception. With carriage roads winding throughout the east side of the island, you can take a short, leisurely ride or link segments to create a day-long bicycling adventure. (Note: Bicycles are not permitted on hiking trails or privately owned carriage roads.) Over 120 miles of hiking trails, many created by the island's village improvement societies in the late 1800s and early 1900s, crisscross the island. You can choose between well-traveled routes or more isolated trails that provide solitude.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of activities in the park, and there is no singular "Acadia experience." Whatever you choose to do during your time here, remember to honor the tradition of conservation begun by the park's founders nearly one hundred years ago.

More of Acadia

Schoodic Peninsula: The park protects more than 2,000 acres on the Schoodic Peninsula, located fifty miles from Bar Harbor by road. It is the only section of the park on the mainland. A one-way, six-mile loop road skirts the edge of the peninsula, offering sweeping views of Mount Desert Island. The Schoodic Education and Research Center, one of 17 research learning centers in the National Park Service, is located here.

Isle Au Haut: More than 2,500 acres on Isle au Haut, a remote offshore island accessible by boat from Stonington, are also part of the park. Rocky shoreline, wooded uplands, marshes, bogs, and a freshwater lake offer opportunities for day hiking and solitude. Duck Harbor Campground, a remote five-site campground, is available by advance reservation only.

Outside the Park

On Mount Desert Island, the park is surrounded by scenic island harbors, quaint towns, and an operational lighthouse. On the west side of the island lie the year-round community of Southwest Harbor and the traditional downeast towns of Bass Harbor and Bernard, where you'll find docks piled high with lobster traps and harbors filled with fishing boats. Nearby, the Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse has warned generations of mariners that land is near. On the east side of the island is Northeast Harbor, filled with pleasure craft and working boats.

Local communities offer boat trips, whale watching, bike rentals, and kayaking trips. For more information, contact local chambers of commerce.

Pages 2-3 Happenings

Find out what's going on this month. See pages 2-3 for details about park closures, fee information, and facilities and services that will help you plan your trip. Learn more about boat tours and park projects that you might come across during your visit.

Pages 4-5 Programs

Whether you are feeling adventurous and want to explore the park on foot, or you would rather sit back and relax while you learn, you can find a ranger-led program to suit your interests. Park rangers offer walks, talks, hikes, boat tours, amphitheater programs, and more. Join us on a program today!

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Wondering what's the best time to explore the intertidal zone or watch sunset from Cadillac Mountain? Looking for ideas to help protect your park and yourself as you explore? Check out the tide chart, sunrise/ sunset times, and safety tips on page 8.

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Park Closures

Construction Projects

Several construction projects are underway as we work to improve park facilities. Some of these projects may affect your use of the park. We appreciate your patience; the results will be worth the wait! Summer 2005 projects include the rehabilitation of:

- Blackwoods Campground Loop B is closed. No group campsites are available. The campground will close on November 1 and remain closed until spring 2006.
- Schoodic Point Restrooms may be closed, but a portable toilet will be available.
- Cadillac Mountain Road Watch for signs and flaggers during installation of a power line.

Nightly Closures

To protect park resources, the following areas are closed at dark:

- Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse is closed to visitors and vehicles.
- Carroll Homestead, Lake Wood, and Thompson Island Picnic Area are closed to vehicles.

Wildlife Closures

The following areas are closed to protect nesting birds:

- The Precipice, East Face, and Jordan Cliffs Trails, and the northern section of the Flying Mountain Trail, are closed until the young peregrine falcons leave the nest in late summer.
- During eagle or seabird nesting season, Schoodic, Sheep Porcupine, Long Porcupine, Bald Porcupine, Rolling, Bar (Somes Sound), Heron, and Thrumcap Islands are closed. Please respect posted closures at these locations.



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Acadia National Park protects over 47,000 acres of granite-domed mountains, woodlands, lakes and ponds, and ocean shoreline, creating striking scenery and diverse habitats. This diverse environment combines with a rich cultural history to create unparalleled scientific, educational, and recreational opportunities in a spectacular setting.

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June Explorations in Acadia

Facilities

Hulls Cove Visitor Center

Watch the 15-minute orientation film and plan your visit with a three-dimensional map of the island. Books, maps, and information are available. Open daily 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Open until 6 p.m. starting June 21.)

Campgrounds

Blackwoods and Seawall Campgrounds are located on Mount Desert Island. Reservations are required at Blackwoods from May I to October 3I. See Park Closures for more information. Seawall is first-come, first served. Neither campground has hook-ups. There is no backcountry camping in the park.

Museums

Islesford Historical Museum: Explore the Cranberry Isles and their people. Accessible by boat from Northeast Harbor or Southwest Harbor. Free. Open daily 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. (Open at 10:45 on Sundays.) Opens June 21. Nature Center: Discover Acadia's natural resources and learn how they are protected. Free. Located at Sieur de Monts Spring. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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The Islesford Historical Museum.

Abbe Museum: Explore the story of Maine's earliest people, from 11,000 years ago to today. The museum is privately operated and charges a nominal fee. Located at Sieur de Monts Spring. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Picnic Areas

Picnic areas are located throughout the park. Charcoal fires are permitted in park-owned or private grills.

Activities

Hiking

Over 120 miles of hiking trails offer something for everyone. Pick up a guide to the most popular trails, rated by difficulty, at the visitor center or campgrounds. More comprehensive hiking maps and trail guides are available for purchase.

Junior and Senior Ranger Programs

Learn about the park while you complete the activities in the Junior Ranger booklet and earn a certificate and patch. A Senior Ranger program is available for ages 18 and over. Booklets can be purchased at the visitor center, nature center, or campgrounds.

Ranger-Led Programs

Join us for boat cruises, evening slide programs, mountain hikes, short talks, and nature walks. For a schedule and descriptions, see pages 4-5.

Scenic Drives

Drive 27 miles on the Park Loop Road and Cadillac Mountain Road to view the spectacular scenery of Acadia. Enjoy occasional stops to stroll down a path or read a wayside exhibit. A self-guided audio tour of Acadia and the surrounding area, covering 56 miles, is available for purchase

at the visitor center.

Information

Call 911 for all emergencies.

Accessibility

The Access Guide lists accessible facilities, including museums, picnic areas, and trails. Pick up a copy of the guide at the visitor center. Many ranger-led programs are accessible. See the schedule on pages 4–5 for details.

Island Explorer Shuttles

Fare-free Island Explorer buses operate throughout Mount Desert Island, linking the park to neighboring village centers. By parking your car and riding these propane-powered buses, you can help reduce traffic congestion, parking, and air pollution problems on the island. Pick up a copy of the bus schedule at the visitor center. You can also flag down the bus anywhere it is safe to stop along its route. Begins June 23.

Parking

During the summer, the park can be quite congested. Please drive carefully and observe posted signage. Better yet, ride the bus and avoid hassles! Parking is permitted in the right lane on the one-way section of the Park Loop Road between Bear Brook Picnic Area and the Stanley Brook Road junction, unless otherwise indicated.

Swimming

You can swim at Sand Beach, but ocean temperatures rarely rise above 55° F (13° C). For warmer water, try Echo Lake on Route 102. Many other ponds and lakes on the island are public water supplies where swimming, wading, and pets are prohibited. Please respect posted regulations.

Walking and Biking

More than 45 miles of historic carriage roads are available for exploration by foot, bike, or horseback. Guidebooks are available for purchase at the visitor center. Motorized vehicles, with the exception of motorized wheelchairs, are prohibited on carriage roads. Horses are not permitted on all sections. Bicycles are not permitted on hiking trails or private carriage roads. Bicycle rentals are available in nearby communities.

Self-guided walks, which offer trail guides at the starting point of each walk, include Carroll Homestead (very easy ½-mile loop), Jordan Pond Nature Trail (easy 1-mile loop), and Sieur de Monts Spring (very easy ½-mile loop).

Parlez-Vous Français?

Une traduction française d'information de parc est disponible au centre d'accueil à Hulls Cove sur la route 3 ou au park headquarters sur la route 233. Merci de visiter le parc national

Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

Parkinformation auf Deutsch finden Sie im Besuchercenter in Hulls Cove an der Strasse #3. Vielen Dank für Ihren Besuch.

Pets

Pets must be attended and on a six-foot or shorter leash. Except for service animals, pets are not permitted on Sand Beach or Echo Lake Beach from May 15 to October 15, in public buildings, or on ladder trails.

Religious Services in the Park

On Sundays Christian Ministry in the National Parks holds services in the park. All are welcome. The schedule is:

8 a.m. - Blackwoods Campground 10 a.m. - Seawall Campground 7:30 p.m. - Blue Hill Overlook atop Cadillac Mountain (weather permitting)

Size Restrictions

Vehicles taller than 10'4" cannot drive the entire Park Loop Road. See park map for bridge heights. Trailers and vehicles longer than 20' are not permitted on the Bass Harbor Head Road or the southern end of Schooner Head Road. There is a 35' maximum for trailers and vehicles in campgrounds.

Where Do Your Fees Go?

The majority of fees paid in Acadia stay right here. The Recreational Fee Demonstration Program, first authorized by Congress in 1996, mandates that 80 percent of fees paid in Acadia stay in the park to be used for projects that *directly* benefit park visitors and resources.

Your fees are used for a variety of projects that improve the condition of natural and cultural resources and make the park a safer place for you to visit. Some of the projects financed by fees include:

- Rehabilitation of the historic trails system
- Vista management along the Park Loop Road and carriage roads
- Replacement of the park's radio system
- Rehabilitation of the grounds at Sieur de Monts Spring
- Repair of masonry on stone bridges and gatehouses
- Replacement of interpretive signs

In addition to these projects, your fees help finance the Island Explorer, a seasonal public transit system that serves Acadia National Park and local communities. Increases in entrance fees begun in 2004 reflect a transportation fee that directly supports Island Explorer: \$10 from every weekly pass and Acadia National Park Pass sold during the season goes into a special transportation account. These transportation fees will help defray the cost of long-term expansion of the system, helping eliminate traffic problems in the park.

Established in the late 1990s to reduce traffic congestion, parking, and air pollution problems, Island Explorer provides a fare-free, eco-friendly transportation alternative. The Island Explorer bus system was created through a partnership between the National Park Service, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maine Department of Transportation, Friends of Acadia, six municipalities, and private businesses. Downeast Transportation Inc., a nonprofit organization, operates the fleet of propane-powered buses.

Please support the Island Explorer and other projects by buying a park pass at the following locations:

- Sand Beach Entrance Station
- Park Headquarters
- Blackwoods Campground

- Hulls Cove Visitor Center
- Thompson Island Visitor Center

• Bar Harbor Village Green • Seawall Campground

All visitors who enter the park, regardless of how they enter, must pay an entrance fee. We thank you for your support!

2005 Fees

Entrance Fees/Passes

- \$10 (off season) / \$20 (in season) entry permit allows for a 7-day visit
- \$40 annual Acadia National Park Pass allows unlimited visits to Acadia for one year from date of purchase

Other Passes

- \$50 National Parks Pass gets you into any national park for one year from date of purchase
- \$10 Golden Age Passport allows lifetime access for U.S. citizens who are 62 years or older
- Free Golden Access Passport allows lifetime access for U.S. citizens with a permanent disability

Camping Fees

- Blackwoods Campground: Reservations are required May 1 through October 31. The cost is \$20 per night per site (in season). Closed November 2005 to spring 2006. Call 800-365-2267 or visit http://reservations.nps.gov.
- Seawall Campground: First come, first served. Open May 15 to September 30. Drive-up sites \$20 per night. Walk-in sites \$14.

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The park pass design is chosen through a contest in which school children participate. This year's third annual Acadia National Park Pass winner was Juliana Maffucci, a 5th grader at Connors Emerson School. Congratulations, Juliana!

Ocean Discovery with a Ranger

Are you captivated by the sea, by its mysteries, life, and legends? Do you wonder about the life of hardy Maine islanders? Are you curious about the lobster you had for dinner last night? If you answered yes to any of these questions, a park ranger-narrated boat tour is for you! Four boat cruises offered in conjunction with the park feature a park ranger onboard to tell the stories of the Maine coast.

The Islesford Historical Cruise travels through the Cranberry Isles to Little Cranberry Island. After stopping at the Islesford Historical Museum, where you can explore an exhibit featuring the age of sail and catch a glimpse of island life, the cruise takes you into Somes Sound, a fjord that cleaves Mount Desert Island nearly in two. Throughout the cruise, park rangers discuss the relationship between people and the sea and search for wildlife.

On the Frenchman Bay Cruise, imagine you are back in the 19th century as you cruise on a 151-foot, four-masted schooner replica. Learn about wildlife and history and, if you're feeling strong, maybe even lend a hand when the sails are unfurled.

On the **Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise**, you can watch realtime video of a diver searching the ocean floor for sea life to bring aboard your boat for hands-on exploration. While cruising through Frenchman Bay, you may spot seals, porpoises, and coastal bird life.

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Each of these ranger-led boat cruises are offered several times per week. Reservations are recommended. Please see pages 4–5 for schedule, fee, and reservation information. Get your sea legs ready and head out on a boat cruise with a park ranger!

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Program Reminders

 Contact park staff regarding accessible facilities, services, and programs.

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- Allow ample time to arrive safely at ranger-led programs.
- Please escort your children on organized walks and hikes. Parents are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children. If you have young children, consider participating in the children's programs listed on pages 4-5.
- Reservations are required for all children's programs (page 4). Make reservations at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.
- Do not bring pets on ranger-led programs or to amphitheaters.
- Be sure to carry water and wear appropriate clothing on hikes.

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Seals hauled out at low tide as seen from a

Island Lighthouse.

Mountains of Mount Desert as seen from Frenchman Bay.

Ranger-Led Program Descriptions

Walks, Talks, and Hikes

Acadia's Birds (3 hours, easy)

Find, identify, and discuss some of Acadia's most fascinating residents. Bring binoculars. Expect motor travel to various points in the park. Sieur de Monts Nature Center.

Animals of Acadia (1-1½ hours, talk)

Deer? Moose? Snakes? Turtles? Discover the animals you might and might not see in the park. Sieur de Monts Nature Center.

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At the Summit (I hour, easy ½-mile walk)

Enjoy the views from atop Cadillac Mountain and gain a new perspective on Acadia's beauty. Cadillac Summit parking area.

Beech Mountain Hike (3 hours, moderate 2-mile hike)

Walk up through emerald forests and blueberry patches to Beech Mountain's granite summit for panoramic views. Beech Mountain parking area.

Birds of Prey (1-1½ hours, talk)

Explore Acadia's eagles, owls, and other raptors and learn where to look for them. Sieur de Monts Nature Center.



Blanket of Ice (2½ hours, strenuous 2-mile hike)

Ascend the steep side of an ice-carved valley to read the glacial record. Tarn parking area.

Forests of Lilliput (2 hours, easy 1- to 2-mile walk)

Explore the fascinating world of mosses, ferns, lichens, and fungi. Make reservations at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.

Gorham Mountain Hike (2½ hours, moderate 2-mile hike)

Reward yourself with views of Acadia's coastline from the top of a granite mountain. Be prepared for rocky trail conditions. Gorham Mountain parking area.



Green Kingdom (2 hours, easy 1- to 2-mile walk)

Explore the diverse world of Acadia's flora along a historic carriage road. Eagle Lake parking area.



Life Between the Tides (3 hours, moderate 1.3-mile walk)

Roll up your sleeves and investigate the fascinating world where ocean meets land. Ship Harbor parking area.

Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges (2½ hours, moderate 1½-mile hike)

Follow tree-lined carriage roads to beautiful stone bridges. Parkman Mountain parking area.

Otter Point Walk (2 hours, easy to moderate 2-mile hike)

Explore where the land meets the sea. Gorham Mountain parking area.

Stars Over Sand Beach (I to 1½ hours, easy talk)

Come learn the summer stars. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight and binoculars. On cloudy nights, rangers present a short program on star gazing. Meet on Sand Beach.

Trees Along the Trail (2 hours, easy 2-mile hike)

Learn the names, ecology, and uses of the trees of Acadia's forests. Eagle Lake parking area.

Written in the Rocks (3 hours, moderate 2-mile hike)

Hike to a dramatic headland for a look at the geologic processes that created Acadia's scenery. Sand Beach parking area.

Programmes en Français

Découvrez Acadia! (1½ heures, facile, 1 kilomètre)

Faisons une randonnée guidée au sommet du Mont Cadillac. Apprenez pourquoi les voyageurs du monde entier sont attirés depuis des siècles par cette région. Rendez-vous au stationnement du sommet du Mont Cadillac.

Sur la Côte rocheuse (1½ heures, facile, 3 kilomètres)

Faisons une promenade sur la partie de la côte la plus pittoresque du parc. On suit le chemin jusqu'à la Pointe Otter, traversant la vieille fôret coniférienne. Rendezvous au stationnement du Mont Gorham.

Children's Programs

Children must be accompanied by at least one adult. Reservations are required for children's programs. Please call 207-288-8832 or stop by Hulls Cove Visitor Center.



Carriage Road Explorers (2 hours, easy)

Join a ranger for a walk to Cobblestone Bridge. Along the way, discover who built Acadia's carriage roads, why they were built, and how. For children 8-15.

Fire and Ice (1½ hours, moderate)

Read the landscape and hear the story of Acadia's geologic past as we look for clues of the rock cycle, glaciers, and volcanoes. For children 7 and older.

Island's Edge (2 hours, easy ¾-mile hike)

Find out what lives in Acadia's coastal forest and tidepools. For children 5-12.

Mountain Mysteries (2 hours, easy 1-mile hike)

Hike one of Acadia's mountains and discover its geologic secrets. For children 7-14.

Nature's Way (1½ hours, easy 1-mile walk)

Hands-on nature exploration for children 4-10.



Who Lives in the Pond? (1½ hours, easy)

Get a frog's-eye view of the pond habitat. Search the shore of this interesting community of plants and animals. For children 4-12.

Boat Cruises

Park rangers interpret the park from four of the many commercial boats in the area. Make reservations with boat owners. Wear warm clothing. Arrive 15 minutes before departure. Some boat operators run several trips daily. Please ask boat operators about accessibility and trips not listed below.

Islesford Historical Cruise (2 hours, 45 minutes)

Discover the enduring connections between people and the sea. Search for wildlife as you cruise to Little Cranberry Island for a stop at the Islesford Historical Museum and explore the scenic fjord of Somes Sound. Municipal Pier, Northeast Harbor. Fee: \$24 adults, \$23 seniors 65 and older, \$15 children under 12, \$5 children under 5. Reservations: 207-276-5352.

Frenchman Bay Cruise (2 hours)

Climb aboard a majestic 151-foot, four-masted schooner in search of wildlife and history. Fee: \$29.50 adults, \$27.50 seniors 65 and older, \$19.50 children under 12. Group rates (15 or more) are \$25.50 per person. Bar Harbor Inn Pier. Reservations: 207-288-4585.

Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise (3 hours)

Cruise with a ranger through Frenchman Bay in search of seals, porpoises, and coastal bird life. Watch real-time video as a diver scours the ocean floor for marine life to bring aboard the boat for hands-on exploration. 55 West Street, Bar Harbor. Fee: \$35 adults, \$30 seniors 65 and older, \$25 children 6-12, \$10 children under 5. Reservations: 207-288-3483.

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ruise to the ocean-Explore the island' Municipal Pier,

Amphitheater Programs

Discover what makes Acadia such a special place. Topics include natural history (geology, marine life, plants, and animals), cultural history (historic structures, park formation, and NPS history), and resource issues.

These 1-hour programs take place some evenings at Blackwoods and Seawall Campground amphitheaters. Parking areas near amphitheaters accommodate noncampers. Check bulletin boards for complete listing.

June Ranger-Led Program Schedule

Wednesday, June 1

8:30 a.m. Otter Point Walk 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 1:00 p.m. Baker Island Cruise (Cancelled)

2:00 p.m. At the Summit

Thursday, June 2

10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise

11:00 a.m. At the Summit

1:00 p.m. Baker Island Cruise (Cancelled)

1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater 3:00 p.m. Birds of Prey

Friday, June 3

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 2:00 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike

Saturday, June 4

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds 11:00 a.m. At the Summit 2:00 p.m. Life Between the Tides

Sunday, June 5

1:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia 3:00 p.m. Life Between the Tides

Monday, June 6

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds 8:30 a.m. Otter Point Walk 2:30 p.m. Beech Mountain Hike

Tuesday, June 7

1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater 3:00 p.m. At the Summit 3:00 p.m. Birds of Prey

Wednesday, June 8

1:00 p.m. Baker Island Cruise (Cancelled) 2:00 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike 2:00 p.m. At the Summit

2:30 p.m. Trees Along the Trail

Thursday, June 9

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater

Friday, June 10

8:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 1:00 p.m. Baker Island Cruise (Cancelled)

3:00 p.m. Birds of Prey 3:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk

Saturday, June 11

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia 3:00 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike

Sunday, June 12

8:30 a.m. Written in the Rocks 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 3:00 p.m. At the Summit

Monday, June 13

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 3:00 p.m. At the Summit

Tuesday, June 14

9:00 a.m. Life Between the Tides 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater 3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia

Wednesday, June 15

11:00 a.m. At the Summit 1:00 p.m. Baker Island Cruise (Cancelled)

Thursday, June 16

8:30 a.m. Gorham Mountain Hike 8:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 10:30 a.m. Life Between the Tides 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater 2:00 p.m. At the Summit

Friday, June 17

9:00 a.m. Green Kingdom

Saturday, June 18

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 12 noon Life Between the Tides

9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Blackwoods Campground

Sunday, June 19

8:30 a.m. Otter Point Walk 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 1:00 p.m. Baker Island Cruise (Cancelled)

Monday, June 20

No programs today due to ranger training.

Tuesday, June 21

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds 9:00 a.m. Blanket of Ice 9:00 a.m. Fire and Ice 9:00 a.m. Mountain Mysteries 10:00 a.m. Animals of Acadia 10:00 a.m. At the Summit

10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 1:00 p.m. Baker Island Cruise (Cancelled)

1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater 2:30 p.m. Life Between the Tides 3:00 p.m. Birds of Prey 3:00 p.m. At the Summit

7:30 p.m. Evening Program-Blackwoods Campground

Wednesday, June 22

8:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges 9:00 a.m. Gorham Mountain Hike 9:00 a.m. Mountain Mysteries 9:30 a.m. Nature's Way 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise

1:00 p.m. Baker Island Cruise (Cancelled) 2:30 p.m. At the Summit

9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Seawall Campground

Thursday, June 23 8:30 a.m. Written in the Rocks

9:00 a.m. Trees Along the Trail 9:30 a.m. Nature's Way 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise

11:00 a.m. At the Summit 1:00 p.m. Baker Island Cruise (Cancelled)

1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater 2:00 p.m. Who Lives in the Pond? 2:30 p.m. Beech Mountain Hike 3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia 3:00 p.m. At the Summit

9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Blackwoods Campground

9:30 p.m. Stars Over Sand Beach

Friday, June 24

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds 8:30 a.m. Otter Point Walk 9:00 a.m. Carriage Road Explorers 9:00 a.m. Mountain Mysteries 9:00 a.m. Green Kingdom 10:00 a.m. At the Summit

Friday, June 24 (continued)

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 2:00 p.m. At the Summit 2:00 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike 3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia

9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Seawall Campground

Saturday, June 25

8:30 a.m. Otter Point Walk 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise

11:00 a.m. At the Summit

1:00 p.m. Baker Island Cruise (Cancelled) 2:00 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike 3:00 p.m. At the Summit

Sunday, June 26

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds 8:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 2:00 p.m. At the Summit

9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Blackwoods Campground 9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Seawall Campground

Monday, June 27

8:30 a.m. Life Between the Tides 9:00 a.m. Fire and Ice 9:30 a.m. Nature's Way 10:00 a.m. At the Summit 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 2:00 p.m. Carriage Road Explorers 3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia 3:00 p.m. Green Kingdom

Tuesday, June 28

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds 8:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges 9:00 a.m. Island's Edge 9:30 a.m. Nature's Way

10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 1:00 p.m. Baker Island Cruise (Cancelled) 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater

2:00 p.m. Who Lives in the Pond? 2:30 p.m. Forests of Lilliput 3:00 p.m. Birds of Prey

7:30 p.m. Evening Program-Blackwoods Campground 9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Seawall Campground

Wednesday, June 29 8:30 a.m. Beech Mountain Hike

8:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges 9:00 a.m. Mountain Mysteries 9:30 a.m. Island's Edge 10:00 a.m. Animals of Acadia 10:00 a.m. At the Summit 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 2:00 p.m. Carriage Road Explorers

Thursday, June 30

8:30 a.m. Beech Mountain Hike 8:30 a.m. Written in the Rocks 9:00 a.m. Mountain Mysteries 09h30 Sur la Côte rocheuse 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise

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Program Locations

Beech Mountain parking area - Southern end of Beech Hill Road off Route 102

Blackwoods Campground – Route 3 south of Otter Creek Cadillac Summit parking area – Top of Cadillac Mountain **Eagle Lake parking area** – Route 233 west of Bar Harbor Gorham Mountain parking area – Park Loop Road south of Sand Beach

Parkman Mountain parking area - Route 3/198 north of

Precipice Trail parking area – Park Loop Road south of Sieur de Monts Spring

Sand Beach parking area - Park Loop Road south of **Entrance Station**

Seawall Campground – Route 102A south of Southwest

Ship Harbor parking area - Route 102A east of Bass

Sieur de Monts Nature Center – Route 3 at Sieur de Monts entrance to Park Loop Road

Tarn parking area – Route 3 just south of entrance to Sieur

Help Us Revegetate!

In response to extensive rehabilitation at the carriage road bridges and Seawall Campground, the park has undertaken a revegetation project to replace much of the vegetation that was disturbed during construction. Here's how you can help make this project a success and help restore these areas to their natural condition.

- Areas where native plants are planted will be roped off and signed to indicate what's happening there.
 Small trees and shrubs will be mulched with wood chips. Please don't walk through these areas or damage new or existing plants.
- Stay on designated paths at Seawall Campground. Shortcuts kill plants.
- When visiting the carriage road bridges, use park-maintained trails to view them. Don't trample plants by creating your own path.

Remember: It only takes one footstep to kill a plant!

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Tidepool Tips

The zone where ocean meets land—the intertidal zone—is one of the most fascinating areas in Acadia. Here you can see creatures with amazing survival skills that allow them to stay alive when, twice each day, the tide leaves them exposed. These marine organisms are not indestructible, however. Our careless handling and footsteps can do damage that the changing tides cannot. As you explore the intertidal zone, keep in mind these tips for your safety and for the protection of marine life:

- Don't wade or sit in tidepools.
- Rocks and algae are slippery. Watch your step. Use your arms to brace yourself.
- •Never turn your back on the ocean: rogue waves can occur at any time.
- Wear suitable clothing and closed-toe shoes.
- Be patient. Take the time to be still and watch; you'll be surprised at the activity you see.
- Sea creatures live everywhere. Be careful where you place your feet.
- If you move animals or rocks, return them to the same spot.
- Do not pry animals from rocks; you may injure them in the process.
- Recover animals you find under rocks or seaweed so they won't dry out.
- All living creatures are protected in the park. Take only pictures.

A Year in the Life of Peregrines

Since 1991, Acadia has been the home of one to several pairs of nesting peregrine falcons. These majestic birds are a symbol of survival and triumph, and an Endangered Species Act success story. From 1984 to 1986, the park participated in a national program designed to release captive-reared chicks into the wild. Adult peregrines started returning to the park in 1989 and completed the first successful nesting in 1991. Since that time, more than 65 peregrine falcon chicks have fledged (taken flight and left the nest), making Acadia's peregrine nests New England's most successful.

The cliffs of Champlain Mountain are home to one of Acadia's nesting pairs. This location on the Park Loop Road provides visitors the best opportunities for observing peregrines in the park. The time frame for peregrine activities may vary each year, but generally here is what you might see on the cliff from month to month:

March to mid-April: This is the time of courtship for peregrines, who have returned to Acadia to establish their nesting sites. Adult falcons fly close to each other near the nesting cliff, feeding each other and performing in-flight acrobatics. You can sometimes hear their vocalizations of "chup, chup, chup" or "eeee, chup chup chup chup."

Mid-April through May: With the laying of eggs (usually three or four), one falcon incubates the eggs while the other hunts or defends the nesting territory from would-be predators.

June: Here is the first opportunity to see the chicks, which may appear as tiny white "snowballs" at the edge of the cliff. As they mature, feathers cover the white down and reveal the markings that distinguish the species. Chicks may flap their wings in preparation for their first flight in late June or early July.

July and August: Having recently taken flight, the chicks become fledglings. They practice new skills and explore farther afield. Watch for them flying above the cliff or other parts of the island, or perching on ledges or trees.

Fall and winter: Some peregrines head south for the winter, while others may overwinter in Maine or other areas of New England.

Peregrine Watch

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A juvenile peregrine stretching its wings for flight. Photo by USFWS.

Join a ranger or volunteer for Peregrine Watch, offered most days in June from 9 a.m. to noon at the Precipice Trail parking area. Use viewing scopes to check out activity on the cliff, learn about field-identifying marks and behavior, and hear how you can promote the conservation of peregrine falcons.

Please be aware that hiking trails in the Precipice, Jordan Cliffs, and Valley Cove areas are closed until the peregrine chicks mature and leave the nest in late summer. See *Park Closures* (page 2) for more information.

The Legacy of George B. Dorr

The existence of Acadia National Park is largely due to the dedication of George B. Dorr, the park's first superintendent and the driving force behind the movement to protect its scenic lands. Dorr was the son of a wealthy Boston family who had a summer home on Mount Desert Island. He explored the island voraciously, valuing its beauty and opportunities for recreation and solitude. In 1901, disturbed by the growing development of the Bar Harbor area, Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University; Dorr; and other concerned individuals formed the Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations with the goal of acquiring and preserving land on Mount Desert Island for public use.

Although donations of land were slow at first, by 1913 the organization had acquired more than 5,000 acres, including Pemetic and Bubble Mountains, the western slope of Cadillac Mountain, and a large tract surrounding the Beehive. After defeating a threat from the Maine legislature to repeal the group's tax-exempt status, Dorr believed that the only way to protect the land in perpetuity was to attain national park status. He campaigned tirelessly for the creation of a park, arranging countless meetings and writing impassioned letters, finally convincing officials of the value of these oceanfront lands. On July 8, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed into existence Sieur de Monts National Monument, crafted entirely of land donated by the trustees. Three years later, an act of Congress created Lafayette National Park, the first national park east of the Mississippi. In 1929, the name was changed to Acadia.

Upon creation of the national monument in 1916, Dorr was hired as superintendent, a position he held until his death in 1944. He continued his tireless efforts to protect the resources of Mount Desert Island, acquiring more land, securing funding, and maintaining facilities.

It was Dorr's inspiration and determination that led to the creation of Acadia National Park. Dorr was not alone, however, in making great contributions to Acadia. Many 20th-century summer residents, including John D. Rockefeller Jr., made substantial contributions that shaped Acadia into the park we know today. It is now our responsibility to ensure that this magnificent gift, enjoyed by millions each year, endures for generations to come.

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George B. Dorr overlooks Acadia.

Spirit of Acadia

The Spirit of Acadia is a volunteer organization established in 2004 to focus attention on the legacy of the men and women who brought Acadia National Park into being in the early 20th century. The committee coordinated the following summer 2005 activities—sponsored by island libraries, museums, and historical societies—honoring park founders:

May 19 to October 16

Exhibit: "Dr. Abbe's Museum in Mr. Dorr's Park." Abbe Museum at Sieur de Monts Spring, daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 207-288-3519.

June 12

Presentation: Author Peter Bachelder discusses *Steam to the Summit*, a 2005 publication about the cog railway route to the summit of Cadillac Mountain. Bar Harbor Historical Society Museum, 2 p.m. 207-288-0000.

June 30

Presentation: "Gentleman, Scholar, Lover of Nature." Ronald Epp, Ph.D., discusses the father of Acadia National Park. College of the Atlantic Gates Community Center, 7 p.m. 207-288-5015 ext. 254.

July 4

Parade: Enjoy the Fourth of July Parade honoring the father of Acadia National Park. Bar Harbor.

Park Concessions

Park concessions offer services to visitors within Acadia National Park. **Acadia Corporation** operates shops at Cadillac Mountain, Thunder Hole, and Jordan Pond. Visit the Jordan Pond House for traditional tea and popovers, or a full lunch or dinner. For reservations, contact the Jordan Pond House at 207-276-3316.

Wildwood Stables, located one mile southeast of Jordan Pond, features horse-drawn carriage tours along Acadia's historic carriage roads. Enjoy scenic vistas and cool forests on your narrated tour. Private tours and stabling for your personal horse are also available. For information, contact Wildwood Stables at 207-276-3622.

If you'd like to sit back and relax as you learn about Acadia National Park and Mount Desert Island, a narrated bus tour might be just the activity for you. Beginning and ending in Bar Harbor, these tours explore the natural and cultural history of the park and surrounding area. Stops include many popular park sights, including Cadillac Mountain. National Park Tours (207-288-0300) offers 2½-hour tours. Oli's Trolley (207-288-9899) offers both 1-hour and 2½-hour tours. Advance reservations recommended.

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The Jordan Pond House offers tea and popovers, as well as a full lunch and dinner, in a spectacular setting

Explore the scenic carriage roads of Acadia National Park on a horse-drawn carriage tour. Photo by NPS/Robert A. Thayer.

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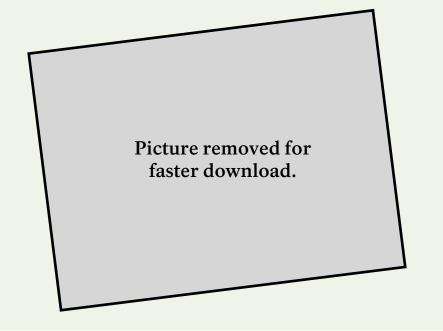
Looking for a guide to plants in the northeastern United States? Trying to find something to keep your kids occupied on a rainy day? Why not check out the Eastern National bookstores in the park? They carry a wide variety of educational items, including books about the park's natural and cultural history, children's stories, and travel; maps; videos; notecards; and more. Eastern National bookstores are located at Hulls Cove Visitor Center, which offers the largest selection of items, Sieur de Monts Nature Center, Park Headquarters, Blackwoods and Seawall Campgrounds, and Islesford Historical Museum.

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First Light

Explore the majesty of Acadia National Park and Mount Desert Island through spectacular images and stirring text. This personal account of one man's relationship with the park is sure to capture your imagination and makes a great memento of your own experience here. Pick up your copy at the visitor center today.

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Friends of Acadia

Friends of Acadia is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring the long-term protection of the natural and cultural resources of Acadia National Park and its region. To meet this mission, Friends of Acadia channels private donations to conservation and historic preservation projects in the park, monitors planning and legislative activities affecting Acadia, and publishes the *Friends of Acadia Journal*.

For more information about Friends of Acadia, please

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Volunteers

Aliases: Friend, Helper, Protector of the Environment, Preserver of Acadia.

Description: Anyone willing and able to perform much-needed tasks that help Acadia maintain its trails and carriage roads.

Characteristics: Generous, kind, giving, selfless, motivated, & dedicated.

Work includes:

- Cutting back vegetation.
- Clearing drainages.
- Meeting new friends.
- Getting outdoor exercise.
- Feeling a sense of accomplishment.
- Giving community service.

Commitment: About 4 hours from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

If you are this person, bring:

- Water
- Snacks
- Lunch
- Work gloves and tools are provided.

When: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday through mid-October, weather permitting.

Where: Locations vary, so please call for more information: 207-288-3934 or 207-288-3340.

Annual volunteer events include:

- National Trails Day on the first Saturday in June (6/4/05)
- Take Pride in Acadia Day on the first Saturday in November (11/5/05)
- Earth Day Roadside Cleanup on the last Saturday in April (4/29/06)

Volunteers make valuable contributions to communities, organizations, and individuals throughout the country. National Park Service (NPS) volunteers come from all over to help preserve and protect America's natural and cultural heritage for the enjoyment of this and future generations. They contribute the time and expertise that help us achieve the NPS mission.

For volunteer opportunities at other National Park Service sites, visit www.nps.gov/volunteer.

Keep Acadia's Wildlife Wild

Acadia offers many opportunities for observing wildlife. Deer browse alongside the Park Loop Road, songbirds dart through forests of peeling birch trees, raptors circle high overhead. Because of Acadia's small size and proximity to towns and residential areas, these animals often come in close contact with people. We must do our part to ease this contact, helping ensure the safety and health of wild animals. When you encounter wildlife, remember these things:

- Never feed wild animals, including gulls. Human food can make them ill and create beggar animals that no longer retain a healthy respect of humans.
- Keep your distance. Do not approach wild animals. If you suddenly find yourself too close, back away and give them room to escape. Use binoculars to get a close-up view.
- Be aware of wildlife along roads, especially at dusk and dawn. Pay close attention and lower your speed, allowing them and you a better chance to see each other and avoid an accident.
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Loons may stop feeding chicks or leave their nest if disturbed. Enjoy loons from a distance with binoculars or a spotting scope.

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- Keep your pet(s) on a six-foot or shorter leash at all times and stay on designated trails or roads, thereby protecting wildlife and your pet.
- When camping, all food, garbage, and cooking equipment must be stored in an enclosed vehicle or hard-sided locker whenever you are not present. This precaution will help prevent wild animals from being attracted to your campsite
- Respect closures established to protect plants and animals, especially for nesting peregrines, seabirds, and eagles. Intrusion by humans can cause nesting attempts to fail.
- Remember that protecting wildlife in our national parks not only makes good sense, but also it is the law. All national parks have strict regulations concerning the protection of wildlife. When in doubt, ask a park ranger first.

Don't forget: Acadia National Park is their home. Let's do what we can to make it a safe place for them to live.

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Fox, deer, beaver, porcupine, and other animals are not uncommon along roadsides on the island. Please drive carefully. Photo by NPS/Lora Haller.

Protect Your Park

- Protect fragile plant life by staying on
- Leave what you find. Removing natural and historic objects such as beach cobbles, flowers, marine life, and antlers degrades the park and is illegal.
- than six feet for the protection of your pet, other visitors, and wildlife. Remember that some trails and all beaches are closed to pets.
- Pack it in. Pack it out. Carry out anything you have brought into the park. Better yet, carry out any other litter you find, too!
- people often starve in winter, are hit by cars, or become dangerous pests.
- Trail markers (cairns) are carefully maintained by the park. Please do not remove or add to these.
- Protect water sources. Do not swim in bodies of water marked as water supplies.
- Ride the Island Explorer shuttle bus (starting June 23) to help reduce traffic and pollution in the park.
- Camping and fires are allowed only in established areas.

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- Keep wildlife wild. Wild animals fed by

Protect Yourself

- Always carry water, a map, adequate clothing, a first aid kit, and a flashlight while hiking.
- Be sure to tell someone your plans when you are leaving, where you are going, and when you will return.
- Be careful near cliff edges, especially if rock surfaces are wet.
- Remain in one place if you become lost or separated from your group.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike. Obey all traffic laws, including one-way signs.
- Be sure to check for ticks as Lyme disease can occur in this area. If walking through tall grass, consider wearing long pants and using insect repellent.
- Drive safely and wear your seat belt. The speed limit is 35 mph in the park unless otherwise noted. It is easy to get distracted by scenery—pay attention.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.
- Yield to wildlife on roads. Give them plenty of room and remain at a safe distance.
- Remember: When in doubt, ask a park ranger first!

Sources: U.S. Naval Observatory (tides) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (sunrise/sunset). Both tide and sunrise/sunset times are for Bar Harbor. Adjustments for other locations or elevations may be

